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293 as umbrellas on Vanikoro (3).

3. F. de Tolna, pp. 268 f.

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342 The Spaniards under Mendana found the houses on Ndeni round and built of boards, with a main post in the center. The roofs were covered with mats and palm leaves, the walls open up to half the height of a man, [Fig. 19 appears here] surrounded

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Fig. 19. Houses in the bush, stone rampart visible at right. (G. Küppers-Loosen Coll.)

[351] only by a loosely piled-up stone wall, with an entrance at one side. The houses were supposed to have had two stories, the upper one reached by means of a small ladder. In each village
346 there were two larger buildings, one of which served religious
[532] purposes and contained human figures that were crude and flat in execution, while the [90] other, the meeting house or bachelors'
349 house, had the well-known bedframes of bamboo, as well as a
[353] kind of courtyard fenced in with rattan, perhaps the dance area.
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1. D'Entrecasteaux, p. 379. Codrington, The Melanesians, p. 301.

houses in the photographs available to me are likewise all rectangular huts with gabled roofs (Figs. 19-23). The number of entrances reported varies from one to

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Fig. 20. House (G. Küppers-Loosen Coll.) A coconut scraper leans against the house on the right.

four (2). Statements about the size likewise differ; Markham

2. Figueroa (previous page, footnote 1): one entrance. Dillon, p. 290: entrance at the ends and each side. Coote, p. 162: two or three rectangular openings as entrances. D'Entrecasteaux, p. 379, speaks of "portes et fenêtres" [doors and windows], mistakenly no doubt.

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speaks of small, low huts (3), whereas D'Entrecasteaux, Dillon, 342

3. Markham, p. 165.

and Dewar specifically stress the size and airy construction (4).

4. D'Entrecasteaux, p. 379. Dillon, p. 290. Dewar, p. 248.

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Fig. 21. Spirit House. (G. Küppers-Loosen Coll.)

The stone walls around the houses are often [Fig. 21 appears here] mentioned (Fig. 19), in Dillon some that are five feet high and the same in thickness (5). With regard to the construction 351 000

5. Dalrymple, p. 194. D'Entrecasteaux, p. 372. Dillon, pp. 290, 301. Dewar, p. 248. Joest in Baessler, p. 394. What seems to be a stone terrace in Coote, p. 162, is probably a wall running around the house.

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Fig. 22. Village Scene. (G. Küppers-Loosen Coll.)

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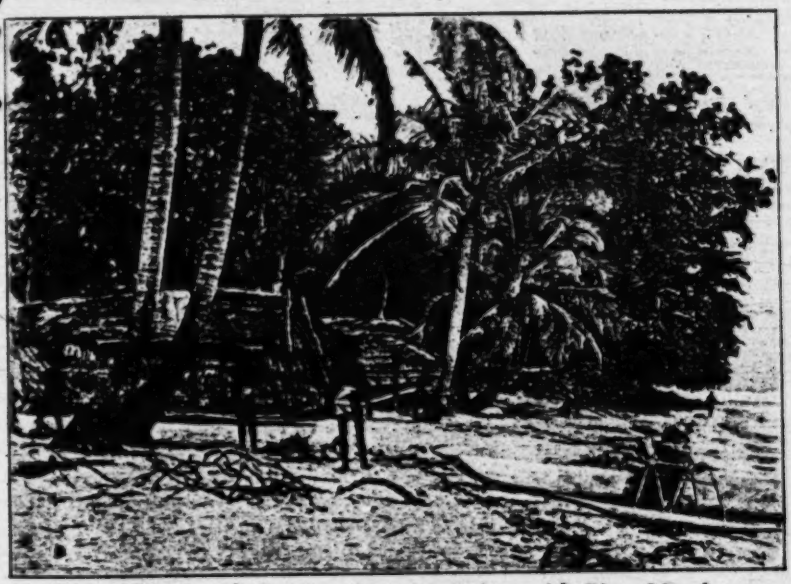

Fig. 23. Beach Scene. In connection with Fig. 22, the arrangement of the houses in a row along the shore can be seen. (G. Küppers-Loosen Coll.)

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361 [912] on the shore. Walls were then required to give support to the slope and also to defy unusually heavy seas. In /176/ places where the coral forms a bank close to the shore, the lower terrace wall is lacking.

[363] [351] The houses stand rather close together, and the narrow paths between them are usually bordered with walls a meter

[Fig. 15.] Group of houses surrounded by a wall on the Reef Island Matema. (From a photo. by Beattie, Hobart, in the possession of the R.-J.-M.)

high. [The same is true of the Reef island Matema (cf. Fig. 15).] The houses directly on the beach are always the men's houses, and one usually finds several, only one of which is occupied, however, while the others are in all stages of dilapidation. This is explained by the fact that each new village chief must build himself a new men's house, whereas the one of his predecessor, who is buried in his men's house, may no longer be entered and Therefore falls into ruins (1).

1. [Sarasin, Südsee, p. 295]